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August 19, 1993

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Mr. R. Jay Marshall, Chief Engineer Genwal Coal Company P. O. Box 1201 Huntington, Utah 84528

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Re: Finding of Inadequate Bond, Genwal Coal Company, Crandall Canyon Mine, ACT/015/032, Folder #3, Carbon County, Utah

The Division's technical staff has completed a review of the Bond estimate information submitted during the recent permit renewal for the Crandall Canyon Mine. It has been determined that the current reclamation bond is inadequate. Enclosed you will find the Division's Findings of Fact/Conclusions of Law which details the requirements Genwal must meet to ensure an adequate bond. Also enclosed is the Division's detailed cost estimate upon which the reclamation bond amount has been based.

Please read the Findings and Conclusions to be sure you understand the requirements and submit a timely response as appropriate. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Daron R. Haddock Permit Supervisor

Enclosure

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BEFORE THE DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES STATE OF UTAH

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IN THE MATTER OF BOND REVIEW
IN AND BOND ADJUSTMENT,
GENWAL COAL COMPANY
CRANDALL CANYON MINE PERMIT

FINDING OF INADEQUATE BOND RE: GENWAL COAL COMPANY,

CRANDALL CANYON MINE,

ACT/015/032

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In the above entitled matter, the Division makes the following Written

Findings and Conclusions of Law concerning the adequacy of the reclamation bond

posted by Genwal Coal Company, (the "Permittee").

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The Division received Genwal Coal Company's application for permit renewal on January 12, 1993. This application included a reformatted and updated Mining and Reclamation Plan. Included in the MRP as appendix 5-20 was a revised reclamation bond estimate.
- 2. The new MRP was reviewed by the Division and a technical deficiency document was sent to Genwal on April 5, 1993. Included in the document was a discussion of deficiencies in the applicants cost estimate for reclamation work (appendix 5-20).
- Genwal submitted a response to the deficiency document on May 13,
 This response included a revised Appendix 5-20.
- 4. The Division issued a renewed permit effective May 14, 1993 with the understanding that the updated maps and design information would be evaluated to determine their effect on the bond amount. If an adjustment to the

bond amount was warranted, procedures provided for in R645-301-830.400 would be followed.

- 5. The Division has completed a review of the materials submitted by Genwal and has prepared a revised reclamation bond estimate based on the information provided. The amount determined by the Division which must be posted as a reclamation bond is \$703,000.00.
- 6. Genwal Coal Company's current bond is in the amount of \$268,000.00.
- 7. Genwal's current bond does not contain language required by the Cooperative Agreement between the State of Utah and the Federal government Office of Surface Mining. The bond must state that:

"In the event the Cooperative Agreement between the Division and OSM is terminated, then the portion of the bond covering the Federal Lands will be payable only to the United States, Department of Interior, Office of Surface Mining."

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The bond currently in place is in an amount less than that determined by the Division as necessary to ensure completion of the reclamation plan, if the work must be completed by the Division in the event of forfeiture.
- 2. The permittee is operating a coal mining and reclamation operation pursuant to a permit, a condition of which, requires a bond sufficient to allow the Division to finalize reclamation under the bond in the event of forfeiture. This condition has not been met. The amount necessary to meet the requirement of the law which must be posted as performance bond is determined to be \$703,000.

- 3. A condition of operating a coal mining and reclamation operation on Federal Lands pursuant to a permit, also requires that specific language be included in the bond. The permittee must provide a bond which includes the following language: "In the event the Cooperative Agreement between the Division and OSM is terminated, then the portion of the bond covering the Federal Lands will be payable only to the United States, Department of Interior, Office of Surface Mining."
- 4. If these Findings and Conclusions constitute an adjustment of the amount of bond pursuant to Utah Admin. R. 645-301-830.400 then the permittee must be granted an opportunity for an informal conference. If a conference is desired, a written request must be received by the Division within 15 days of receipt of this Finding of Inadequate Bond.
- 5. Genwal Coal Company must provide a reclamation bond in the amount of \$703,000 and which contains the language required by the State/Federal Cooperative Agreement within 30 days of receipt of this Finding of Inadequate Bond.

SIGNED this 23 day of August 1993.

STATE OF UTAH DIVISION OF OIL, GAS, AND MINING

James W. Carter, Director